(b) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has acquired 88,100.42 acres of land for various public purposes within the land limits of Delhi.

(c) to (f) Land measuring about 59542.78 acres is under the posession of Delhi Development Authority out of which 1400.39 acres of land is under encroachment as on 31.12.1995 and 11,872 acres is in the process of development.

Privatisation of Public Utilities.

5311. KUMARI UMA BHARATI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal to privatise the sanitation works, treatment of water, environment and transport system in Delhi is under the consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c) The Ministry of Surface Transport has reported that a proposal to introdue High Speed Tram System (HSTS) on build operate transfer (BOT) basis is under consideration of the government to relieve congestion on roads and to provide transportation facilities to the residents of Delhi. The proposal is still at a preliminary stage and is being examined in consultation with different Ministries.

Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking have informed that there is no proposal under the consideration for privatisation of sanitation works or treatment of water in Delhi Further, there is no such proposal pending with the Central Government.

[English]

Accommodation

5312. SHRI DARBARA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up any central agency for construction of houses for employees of Union government posted in Punjab particularly in Jullandhar and Kapurthala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the alternative arrangement made to provide Government accommodation to Central Government employees in Punjab ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) No, Sir, construction of houses for Central Government employees eligible for allotment of accommodation from the General Pool is taken by the CPWD under the Central Plan Scheme of construction of General Pool Residential Accommodation.

(c) As there is no General Pool Residential Accommodation at Jullandhar and Kapurthala, Central Government employees are being paid HRA as per the rates decided by the Government from time to time.

Unemployment

5313. SHRI RAM SAGAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer given to unstarred question no, 727, dated March 6, 1996 regarding 'unemployment' and state:

(a) whether the information has been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An assessment based on the estimates of GDP growth for 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 and elasticities of employment in different sectors indcates that employment would have grown by about 21.18 million or by 7.06 million per year on an average, during the first three year of the VIII Plan. Growth rates of employment and the number of additional employment opportunities likely to have been created during the first three years of VIII Plan are estimated as follows:-

	Growth rate %	Additional Employment (million)
1992-93	2.45	7.40
1993-94	1.91	5.90
1994-95	2.50	7.88
1992-95	2.29 (annual)	21.18

The estimated growth rate of employment during the first three years on the Plan has, therefore, been 2.29% on an average. This is significantly higher than the growth of 1.89% per annum recorded during the VII Plan. It is, however, lower than the rate of around 2.6% to 2.8% envisaged in the VIII Plan. The economy has moved on